(b) whether the BIFR is unable to consider the revival packages due to lack of support from IFCIF;

(c) whether Government would direct the IFCI to follow the orders of BIFR; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

cI and (d) Do not arise.

Title deeds of Immovable Properties of of SBI

1962. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the State Bank of India, Kanpur and Lucknow has been keeping under its possession all he title deeds of immovable properties earmarked for the Central Government Undertakings M/s. Tannery and Footwear Corporation of India Limited for providing CC and other Accounts ;

(b) whether no proper evaluation of the properties so held by SBI has been made as per present market value;

(c) whether as a result the company is not allowed to get proper working capital to boost production and export business; and

(d) if so, facts and details thereof with correct details of immovable properties of the company ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) to (d) In accordance with the provisions and statutes governing public sector banks, the information relating to individual constituents of the bank cannot be divulged.

Reduction in the ranks of agents by LIC, North Zone

1963. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the LIC, North Central Zone has been reducing ranks of its agents under the status of various club membership;

(b) whether some branches had accepted insurance policies with first premium but had not issued the respective policy bonds during the last 3-4 years;

(c- whether to avoid embarrassment to branch officers, the LIC is harassing the agents; and

(d) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) have reported that there may be a few stray cases of delay in issuance of policies.

(d) Does not arise.

Closure of Nationalised Banks in Assam

1964. SHRI BHADRESHWAR GOHAIN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the reason for gradual closing of nationalised banks in Assam; and

(b) how many banks have since been closed down during the last three years till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Companies with Excise Duty Arrears

1965. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE :

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the compaines, firms and other entities against whom Excise Duty arrears to the tune of Rs. 10 crores or above were outstanding as on 1st April, 1st July and 1st October, 1994 and how many and which of them are located in Maharashtra, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Bihar;

(b) the reasons for such heavy accumulation of arrears; and

(c) the steps taken to recover the arrears?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY : (a) The information is given in the Statement attached (*See* below) .

(b) Cases are pending with Supreme Court, High Courts, CEGAT, etc.. In some cases Supreme Court has extended the period for recovery of dues till 31-12-94.

(c) Recovery can be enforced only after the duty liability has been confirmed in accordance with the law. Therefore, pendency of departmental proceedings is reviewed and monitored at various supervisory levels and the adjudicating authorities are advised from time to time to conclude them expeditiously. As regards the proceedings pending before the Courts and the Tribunal, steps taken to have